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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Mr. Francis Lorenzo (Dominican Republic), on the basis of informal consultations

Modalities for the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling that in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[1] adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004 it decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,

Mindful that in its resolution 44/1 it endorsed the calendar for the first cycle of the review and the global theme for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, "Addressing the challenges and

[1] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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opportunities of ageing" and decided to start the first global cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2007 at its forty-fifth session and to conclude it in 2008 at its forty-sixth session,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on major developments in the area of ageing since the Second World Assembly on Ageing,[2]

1. *Invites* Governments that have not done so to designate focal points for coordinating the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;[1]

2. *Calls upon* Governments to promote a bottom-up participatory approach throughout the entire implementation process of the Madrid Plan of Action;

3. *Encourages* Member States to include both ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts in their review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action and in their national strategies, bearing in mind the importance of mainstreaming ageing and gender into global agendas;

4. *Invites* Governments to undertake their national review and appraisal exercises during 2007 of those specific areas they have identified, using a participatory, bottom-up approach;

5. *Also invites* Governments to take into consideration the selected policy issues highlighted in the report of the Secretary-General[2] while undertaking national review and appraisal exercises;

6. *Invites* all countries to cooperate in conducting the review and appraisal exercises in their regions, including by organizing regional meetings, welcomes the initiatives of those Governments that have offered to host, in 2007, regional review and appraisal meetings, and encourages countries of those regions that have not yet confirmed arrangements for regional review and appraisal exercises to do so, including by organizing regional meetings;

7. *Invites* interested Governments to offer support and assistance, including voluntary financial contributions, to support national and regional review and appraisal activities and events during the first cycle of the review and appraisal;

8. *Invites* all major stakeholders, including civil society, to participate in the process of the review and appraisal and to contribute to its various activities and events;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the publication of the *Guidelines for Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: Bottom-up Participatory Approach*,[3] and looks forward to its being made available in all official languages of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, as the United Nations focal point on ageing, to continue and strengthen its collaboration with the focal points on ageing in the regional commissions in conducting the first cycle of the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, including the identification of regional and global priorities for its further implementation;

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[2] E/CN.5/2007/7 and Corr.1.

[3] Available at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/MIPAA/GuidelinesAgeingfinal139.20Dec2006.pdf.

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to work with the organizations, agencies and bodies of the United Nations system and other interested parties to coordinate efforts in identifying support that could be provided to Governments, upon their request, in undertaking participatory review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

12. *Requests* all regional commissions to forward their findings of the first review and appraisal along with identified priorities for future action regarding the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-sixth session in 2008;

13. *Acknowledges* the importance of national independent and impartial monitoring of progress in the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, and invites Governments to include autonomous institutions, academia and civil society organizations to conduct further studies, share their findings during the review and appraisal and formulate recommendations for future policy action;

14. *Invites* Governments and other major stakeholders to organize, during its forty-sixth session, parallel and satellite events, including panel discussions, seminars and round tables, to explore the findings of the review and appraisal exercise and to promote future priorities for implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its forty-sixth session, in 2008, a report including the analysis of preliminary conclusions of the first review and appraisal exercise along with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.